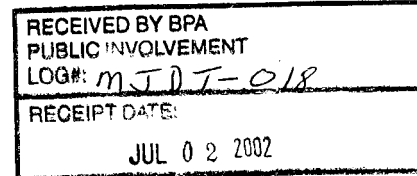


5 Comment Letters

Mason, Stacy L - KEC-4

From: Darlene Hunter [dhunter@dns1.sjcoe.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2002 9:26 AM
To: slmason@bpa.gov
Subject: Fuhrman Ranch

June 29, 2002



Stacy Mason
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RE: McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Mason:

My family has informed me about the proposed power transmission lines near or across the Fuhrman Ranch on Highway 14. I am very relieved to know that a third choice exists and if chosen, would not require removal of the Ranch buildings.

I realize that you have heard from other family members with regard to what a special place the Ranch is for our family. I remember when the aluminum plant was built and the company bought the ranches down wind to void suits due to any air pollution from the smoke stacks. There were many family conferences about what could be done to save the Ranch. A rental agreement was worked out and has worked for all these years. Members of the extended Fuhrman family contribute to the rental fund.

We live in California and therefore are not able to use the Ranch as often as the Washington and Oregon family members. Even so we share the concerns of the rest of the family. The Ranch has been the center of our extended family since I can remember from the late 1930's to the present day. Normally the passing of the widowed family matriarch would weaken the family bonds, but the Ranch has extremely strong threads that bind us all in an amazing and very satisfactory way. Needless to say we will do what ever we can to maintain that bond.

In 1999 sister, Myrna Judy, mother, Vera Power and I wrote a family history using family pictures, captions, and stories. It was a year long task. We are now in the process of up dating that history. Unfortunately much of the update involves the passing of the older members of the family. It would be extremely difficult to write about the death of the Ranch.

Thank you very much for your kindness in listening to our family views. I know you will do the best you can to be helpful to us.

Sincerely,

Darlene Power Hunter
Granddaughter of Blanche Fuhrman